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25X1 1. [] Talked with Senator Thomas J. Dodd concerning the letter from the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee requesting information on the case of [] I reminded the Senator that this was the case that we had mentioned to him several weeks ago and indicated that we would prefer not to respond to this communication in view of the sensitive aspects of it. I told him we would be happy to give him any information he wanted on the matter and proceeded to touch the highlights of the case. The Senator was more than cooperative asking that I leave the correspondence with him and he would "take care of it." I told him we were most appreciative of his assistance.

I also told the Senator that Mr. McCone was most appreciative of the Senator's desire to be of assistance in connection with the recent adverse publicity. (See Journal of 14 January) I advised the Senator that we had provided Mr. Martin with a considerable amount of information on the subject and indicated we would be more than happy to assist him in any way. I pointed out that the only area of concern was that concerning the specific examples used by Senator McCarthy in his recent magazine article. I added that we saw no useful purpose in publicly debating these issues. The Senator said he couldn't agree more and added again that he felt that the Agency was one which should be protected from this type of thing and wanted to help in any way he could in this regard.

25X1 2. [] Received a request from Mr. George Murphy, JCAE Staff, for information concerning the details of Soviet newspaper coverage of President Johnson's statements concerning a 25 per cent cutback of atomic weapons and four plutonium piles, in his State of the Union Message. An item carried in the Evening Star indicated that several Soviet papers deleted this from their coverage of the State of the Union Message.

25X1 2. a. [] Picked up from William Darden a letter signed by Senators Hayden, Russell and Saltonstall concerning the Agency budget.

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25X1 3. [] The Director met for the second session with the Mahon Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee. A transcript was taken. Also see Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 4. [] Attempted to talk with Larry O'Brien in the White House and in his absence talked with Henry Wilson. I referred him to the memorandum from Donald M. Wilson, Acting Director, USIA, to [] of this Agency dated 15 January 1964, a copy of which was forwarded to Larry O'Brien. I indicated to Wilson that I thought it would be helpful if he knew I had discussed with Chairman Morgan of House Foreign Affairs the fact of the Agency not responding to Fascell's invitation to appear and that Morgan did not wish the Agency to appear in this set of hearings and that in any event the whole plan of the hearings was a "boondoggle" anyway. (Paul Chretien was also briefed since a copy of the Wilson memorandum went to Salinger.)

25X1 5. [] Talked with Dr. Morgan, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and filled him in on the background of the recent publicity concerning CIA release of information on the Soviet economy, pointing out that this had come up in the course of the Fascell hearings with USIA as the witness. Dr. Morgan was fully understanding and saw no real problem and offered his view that the whole series of hearings was "nuts" anyway. This may not avoid further problems with the Fascell Subcommittee but the Subcommittee's range of action is limited unless the Chairman of the full Committee approved.

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